



Docket No. KAS-183

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/603,625 Confirmation No. 4454
Applicant : S. MATSUBARA et al.
Filed : June 26, 2003
Title : AUTOMATIC ANALYZER
TC/AU : 1743
Examiner : L.J. Ramillano
Customer No. : 24956

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)
UNDER § 1.97 AND § 1.98

MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

1. This IDS should be considered:

(a) when filed within three months of the filing date of the present application, or within three months of the filing date of the National Stage as set forth in § 1.491 in an international application, or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever occurs last;

(b) when filed before the mailing date of either a Final Rejection under § 1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under § 1.311, whichever occurs first and when 1(a) does not apply. For this purpose, there is included herein either a certification in section 4 below (included when indicated by a marked box), or a fee of \$180.00 (a Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$180.00 is enclosed, or if not see section 5 below);

(c) when filed prior to the payment of the Issue Fee, when 1(a)-(b) do not apply, and when a certification is included in section 4 below (included when indicated by a marked box); then the Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) and request(s) consideration of this IDS, and

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provided herewith is a fee of \$180.00 (a Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the petition fee, or if not see section 5 below).

2. When 1(a)-(c) do not apply, then it is requested that this IDS be placed in the file.

3. Listing of the information submitted is on the attached Form(s) PTO-1449, which forms a part of this IDS. A copy of each listed document is enclosed for each foreign patent, for each publication or portion thereof that caused it to be listed, and for each pending unpublished U.S. application or portion thereof that caused it to be listed. No copy of a U.S. patent or U.S. patent application publication is needed unless required by the PTO. A copy of a document is also not needed when previously submitted or previously cited by the PTO in a prior application to which the present application claims a benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

4. The undersigned hereby states:

☒ (a) that each item of information contained in this IDS was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application.

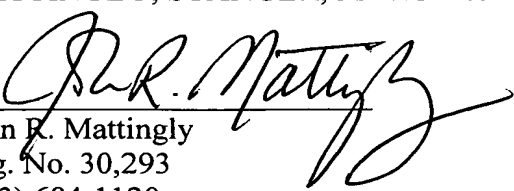
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6. No explanation of relevancy is being provided for the following document(s) because each is either in the English language, discussed in the present Specification, or its relevance is as stated in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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10/603,625**LIST OF DOCUMENTS CITED BY APPLICANT**
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S. MATSUBARA et alFILING DATE
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1743**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

* EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE (if Appropriate)
AA						
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
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AL	10-339732	12/22/1998	Japan (Abstract)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
AM	09-072911	03/18/1997	Japan (Abstract)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
AN						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
AO						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
AP						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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DATE CONSIDERED

* EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.



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2005 (H.R. 4818).TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)**180.00**

Complete if Known	
Application Number	10/603,625
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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

☐ Check ☒ Credit Card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other ☐ None☒ Deposit Account:

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The Director is authorized to: (check all that apply)

☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below ☒ Credit any overpayments☒ Charge any additional fee(s) during the pendency of this application.☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee
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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1011	2011	300	150	Utility filing fee	
1012	2012	200	105	Design filing fee	
1013	2013	200*	100	Plant filing fee	
1014	2014	300	150	Reissue filing fee	
1005	2005	200	100	Provisional filing fee	
1111	2111	500	250	Utility Search fee	
1112	2112	100	50	Design Search fee	
1113	2113	300	150	Plant Search fee	
1114	2114	500	250	Reissue Search fee	
1311	2311	200	100	Utility Ex. fee	
1312	2312	130	65	Design Ex. fee	
1313	2313	160	80	Plant Ex. fee	
1314	2314	600	300	Reissue Ex. fee	

SUBTOTAL (1)

0.00

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims 6	-20 =	x 50	= 0.00
Indep. Claims 3	-3 =	x 200	= 0.00
Multiple Dependent		360	= 0.00

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
1202	2202	50	25	Claims in excess of 20
1201	2201	200	100	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	2203	360	180	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	2204	200	100	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	2205	50	25	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) \$ 0.00

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	2051	130	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	2052	50	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	2053	130	130	Non-English specification	
1081	2081	250	125	Utility Application Size fee - for each 50 over 100	
1082	2082	250	125	Design Application Size fee - for each 50 over 100	
1812	2520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examination action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	2251	120	60	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	2252	450	225	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	2253	1020	510	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	2254	1,590	795	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2255	2,160	1,080	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	2401	500	250	Notice of Appeal	
1402	2402	500	250	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	2403	1000	500	Request for oral hearing	
1451	2451	1,510	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	2452	500	250	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	2453	1,500	750	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	2501	1,400	700	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	2502	800	400	Design issue fee	
1503	2503	1,100	550	Plant issue fee	
1460	2460	130	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	2807	50	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	2806	180	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	180.00
8021	28021	40	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	2809	790	395	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	2810	790	395	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
1801	2801	790	395	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	2802	900	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application.	

Other fee (specify)

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SUBTOTAL (3) (\$)

The PTO did not receive the following
listed item(s) Reissue and Extension \$180.00

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SUBMITTED BY

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Signature		Date	December 1, 2006		

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